GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:183
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2008
HIGH SPEED PASSENGER/FREIGHT CORRIDOR
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to construct high speed passenger/freight corridors;

(b) if so, the details of the regions which would be covered by these corridors;project; and

(d) the present status of the proposed project?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.183 BY S/SHRI P. RAJENDRAN AND RASHEED MASOOD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.12.2008 REGARDING HIGH SPEED PASSENGER/FREIGHT CORRIDOR.

(a)&(b): No, Sir. Ministry of Railways has decided only to conduct pre-feasibility studies for construction of high speed passenger corridors. The selected corridors are as below:

(i) Delhi - Chandigarh - Amritsar

(ii) Pune - Mumbai - Ahmedabad

(iii) Hyderabad - Dornakal - Vijaywada - Chennai

(iv) Chennai - Bangalore - Coimbatore - Ernakulam

(v) Howrah-Haldia

These cover the Northern, Western, Southern and Eastern regions of the country.

(c): The stations which would be connected by Southern corridor will be known only after completion of pre-feasibility studies and will depend on demand, financial viability and operational feasibility.

(d): Global Tenders for engaging a Consultant for conducting pre-feasibility studies are under process. So far bids have been called for pre-feasibility studies of Delhi - Chandigarh - Amritsar and, Pune - Mumbai - Ahmedabad corridors and these are under evaluation. A decision can be taken only after these studies are completed and evaluated.